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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN HAS DISTINGUISHED THE SHARP
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DANISH REACTION TO EVENTS IN SPAIN FROM THEIR SILENCE AT

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SIMILAR EVENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. SINCE THE SPANISH ARE
MEMBERS OF THE "WESTERN FAMILY", HIGHER STANDARDS OF POLITICAL
MORALITY MUST BE EXPECTED FROM THEM THAN FROM THE EASTERN
EUROPEANS. THIS TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF DANISH "DOUBLE STANDARD"
IS PROBABLY FORTIFIED BECAUSE OF THE "GUILT" OF THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATS OVER THEIR INABILITY TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE
TO THE LOYALISTS DURING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR. END SUMMARY.

1. THE OCTOBER 13 EDITION OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT
CONSERVATIVE) RAN AN INTERESTING "CONVERSATION" AMONG FOREIGN
MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, DANISH SHIPOWNER OLE LAURITZEN, AND
A BERLINGSKE CORRESPONDENT. DURING THE CONVERSATION, ANDERSEN
DISCUSSED THE "DOUBLE STANDARD" THAT THE DANES, AND OTHER
EUROPEANS, APPLY TO JUDGMENTS ABOUT ACTS OF REPRESSION IN
OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. ANDERSEN SAID HE KNEW THAT "THESE THINGS" HAPPEN IN THE
COUNTRIES OF THE EAST "WHICH WE WOULD NOT DREAM OF ACCEPTING
BUT THESE ARE NOTPEOPLE SITTING DOWN WITH US IN THE WESTERN
FAMILY. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE JUDGE BY A DIFFERENT
STANDARD". ANDERSEN SAID THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR AKSEL
CHRISTIANSEN, WHO RETURNED TO MADRID OCTOBER 10, HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO STRESS THAT HIS RETURN TO THE SPANISH CAPTIAL
IN NO WAY SIGNIFIED APPROVAL OF THE FRANCO REGIME.

3. ANDERSEN ALSO REITERATED THE FAMILIAR DANISH POSITION,
"THERE IS NO WAY FOR SPAIN TO GET INTO NATO EVEN IF ANY
ONE CAN SEE BY LOOKING AT A MAP WHAT THE STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES
WOULD BE".

4. ALTHOUGH HE DEPLORED THE KILLING OF POLICEMEN IN SPAIN,
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE "THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD CAUSE MORE
DIFFICULT", ANDERSEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE POLICE IN SPAIN,
"AS WAS THE CASE IN NAZI GERMANY", REPRESENT TERROR AND
TORTURE.

5. BERLINGSKE'S CORRESPONDENT ASKED WHETHER IT WASN'T
"SHOCKING" TO A FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HIS PRIME MINISTER
BRANDS ANOTHER CHIEF OF STATE AS A "MURDERER". ANDERSEN
REPLIED THAT HE HAD HEARD NO ONE DENY THAT THERE WERE GROUNDS
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FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION. THE "CONVERSATION" ENDED WITH THE
FOLLOWING INTERESTING EXCHANGE.

6. LAURITZEN ASSERTED THAT PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN
SHOULD ALSO MAKE SUCH ACCUSATIONS (AS "MURDERER") WHEN
EXECUTIONS TAKE PLACE IN COUNTRIES "LIKE IRAN OR UGANDA".
ANDERSEN REPLIED "I FIND IT A LITTLE PRIMITIVE TO SAY THAT
THE SAME WORDS MUST BE USED IN ALL CASES".

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7. COMMENT: THIS "CONVERSATION" IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
DANISH "DOUBLE THINK" ON REPRESSION, TERRORISM AND EXECUTION.
A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE
REMARKED TO US THAT THE REACTION BY THE GOVERNING SOCIAL
DEMOCRATS TO THE EVENTS IN SPAIN CONTINUES TO BE SHARPER
THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE ORDINARILY BE EXPECTED OF EVEN THE DANES.
OUR CONTACTS TRACE THIS SENSITIVITY BACK TO THE SUPPORT AND
IDENTIFICATION OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES WITH
THE SPANISH LOYALISTS DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND THE FORMER'S
FRUSTRATION, WHETHER THE PRESENT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS
WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED OR NOT, WITH THEIR INABILITY TO STOP
FRANCO FROM TAKING POWER.
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